

# Lakeside Country Park, Eastleigh

**Client:** Eastleigh Borough Council

**Size:** 800m<sup>2</sup>

**Value:** £2.5m

**Status:** completed 2016

Eastleigh Borough Council manage and operate an existing centre for waterside and park activities at their Lakeside Country Park on the outskirts of Eastleigh.

**rhp** were commissioned via a 2 stage OJEU process for the design, specification and contract administration of a replacement, BREEAM 'Excellent' rated facility.

The design process involved many meetings with a wide range of user and stakeholder groups. Hence, the new building offers accommodation that is better suited to their needs and is arranged to maximise simultaneous bookings, and therefore revenue, for the council.

The concept splits the accommodation into two, low rise buildings. One a store for water based equipment and park vehicles, and the other providing office space, rooms for hire, showers and changing facilities. Both are joined visually by a low lying wall that curves to follow the site contours and supports a common roof plane. The additional space of the second building then projects above that plane, heralding the communal rooms and allowing natural daylight to enter mid plan via clerestorey windows.

The vastly improved facility is sustainable to run and fully embraces the beauty of its lakeside setting.

*"rhp provided exceptional service. The finished building is a stunning example of contextual architecture and is wholly sympathetic to its local environment, without compromise to beauty or design. I have no hesitation in recommending rhp for future projects."*

/ Angela Taylor, Corporate Project Manager  
Eastleigh Borough Council

